

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN | MODEST MEANS PROGRAM APPLICATION

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

Total Household Income, Wages and Benefits

Please let us know total monthly income from all household members. Your Modest Means attorney may require proof of this information.

All income should be listed as *monthly* income.

Average Wages (monthly) _____

Alimony (received) _____

Child Support (received) _____

Veteran's Benefits _____

Social Security _____

Retirement Income/Pension _____

Other Income Sources _____

Total Gross Monthly Income _____

Household Size Information

*Number of adults living in your household _____

*Number of children living in your household _____

*Total Household Size _____

Total Assets and Other Resources:

Please let us know what assets you have.

*Checking Account Balance _____

*Savings Account Balance _____

Do you own ☐ or rent ☐ your home?

Do you own any property other than your primary residence?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Preliminary eligibility is based on qualifying legal issue, income and liquid assets, and household size. Your attorney will make the final financial eligibility determination after your first meeting. You may request that the Modest Means Program review financial eligibility, but the attorney's determination on eligibility carries great weight. Complete and submit this form to receive your Modest Means referral.

*Legal Topic Area: (Please choose the area of law you need assistance with. Select all that apply.)

Bankruptcy

☐ Bankruptcy—Personal

☐ Repossession

☐ Utility Disputes

Consumer Law

☐ Automobile—New Car

☐ Automobile—Used Car

☐ Consumer Goods

☐ Consumer Contracts

☐ Credit Reports

☐ Creditor—Collection

☐ Debtor—Garnishment Defense

☐ Identity Theft

☐ Payday & Predatory loans

Criminal Law

☐ Expungement

☐ Driver's License Restoration/
Appeals

Family Law

☐ Adoption

☐ Annulment

☐ Appeals

☐ Child Support/Modification

☐ Custody/Parenting Time

☐ Divorce/Separation

☐ Domestic Abuse/PPO

☐ Emancipation of Minor

☐ Grandparent/Third-Party
Visitation

☐ Name Change

☐ Paternity

☐ Post-Judgment Enforcement

☐ Separate Maintenance

Probate & Elder Law

☐ Conservatorship/Guardianship

☐ Estate Planning/
Disability Planning

☐ Probate Estate Administration

☐ Probate Litigation

☐ Trust Administration

Real Property Law

☐ Deed Preparation

☐ Mortgage/Land Contract
Defense

☐ Residential Purchase/Sale
Tenant—Mobile Home

☐ Tenant—Residential

Case Information

* describe your legal issue: (300 character limit)

Opposing Party/Business name(s): _____

County in which you need legal assistance or if you already have a court case, which court are you in? _____

Next Court Date: _____ Judge: _____

Opposing Counsel/Law firm: _____

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Modest Means services are offered in five legal topic areas: Bankruptcy (Chapter 7 only), Consumer Law, Criminal Law (Expungements and Driver's License Restoration only), Family Law, Probate & Elder Law and Real Property. Modest Means attorneys may charge an hourly fee of no more than \$75 per hour, or offer a service agreement consisting of a reasonable monthly payment plan. A retainer fee of \$750 may be required. Bankruptcy is limited to Chapter 7 filings and is capped at a fixed fee of \$500.

To apply for assistance, complete this application, providing a confidential email address and/or a telephone number where we can reach you from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will contact you after your application has been processed to let you know whether a panel member is available to handle your matter. All referrals will be made by telephone. If the attorney determines that there is a conflict based upon review of your application you will be referred by an attorney referral staff member to a different attorney, if available.

Our attorney referral staff will collect a \$25 Administrative fee to match you with a Modest Means attorney. With your consent the attorney will contact you within two business days to make an appointment for an initial consultation of up to 25 minutes about your legal issue. The attorney has the final say in the financial qualification process.

General Information: (*Required Information)

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ * State: _____ * Zip Code: _____

*Phone: _____ *E-mail: _____

County in which you need legal assistance _____

Terms for Service:

- I understand that this is not a free service
- I have an ability to pay for the legal services I receive.
- I will be responsible for the filing fees and other court fees or costs.
- I will pay the \$25 administrative fee to be matched with an attorney.
- I understand that the attorney will provide me with up to a 25-minute initial consultation at no charge.
- I understand that any agreement and/or payment for services beyond the consultation is between me and the attorney.
- I will pay the fixed \$500 fee to the attorney for my Chapter 7 Bankruptcy matter
- * I understand that the Modest Means Program will share the information I provide with a Modest Means Program attorney and that the attorney may contact me unless the box below is checked.
 - ☐ I do not have a safe number where I can receive calls.
 - ☐ I prefer the initial contact to be via email OR
 - ☐ I will call the Modest Means Program at (800) 968-0738, Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * I understand that if I provide false information on this application I may not be allowed to participate in the Modest Means Program.
- * By entering my name below, I certify that all information is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

• Signature:

CONFIDENTIAL OR SENSITIVE INFORMATION about your legal matter should not be shared until you meet with an attorney in person. Lawyers have an ethical duty to avoid conflict of interest. There is no attorney-client relationship until an attorney agrees to represent you.

Mail application form by U.S. Postal Service:

Email to MMLRS@michbar.org

Attention: Modest Means Program

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